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This is in response to the Office Action, dated May 19, 2004 for the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

Claims 2-6 and 8-14 are pending in the application. Claims 2-6 and 8-14 stand rejected by the Examiner.

Claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paulsson U.S. Patent 6,206,133 in view of Bowers U.S. Patent 3,259,675 and further in view of Oswald et al. U.S. Patent 6,127,632. Applicant respectfully traverses, because the Examiner has failed to present a prima facie case of obviousness.